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Same road.
Same rules.

Whether you are biking, walking, or driving in Bloomington, please remember to watch out for each other and be courteous.

Look inside for tips on how cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians can all share the road!



Drive Nice
Walk Nice
Bike Nice
Be Nice



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Rules for Cyclists 

Same rights, same responsibilities. As a bicyclist, you have a right to share roadway space with other vehicles, but you also have a responsibility to follow the rules.

Ride in the direction of traffic. By riding against traffic, cars crossing your path will be looking in the opposite direction and may not see you.

Use a front white light and red rear light. By using lights and wearing bright clothing at night, you are more likely to be seen by drivers and people crossing the street.

Stay off the sidewalk. Sidewalks are a safe and protected space for people to walk. Unless you are riding a bike with 14-inch wheels or smaller, Bloomington law prohibits you from riding on the sidewalk.

Stop at stop signs and red lights. It is illegal for a cyclist to run a red light or a stop sign, and it's one of the most dangerous things you can do.

Always wear a helmet. Helmets protect your brain from traumatic brain injury in the event of a crash.

Ring your bell. Having a bell on your bike is the law in Indiana. Use it to let pedestrians know you are about to pass them—and to say hello to your friends!

Rules for Motorists 

Look for cyclists and pedestrians. Before turning into traffic or opening your car door, make sure no other road users are in your path.

Yield to pedestrians. Slow down and let pedestrians cross safely.

Go the speed limit. Speed kills, especially vulnerable road users like bicyclists and pedestrians.

Yield when turning right. Yield to cyclists when making a right-turn.

Don't honk. Honking your horn may startle cyclists and cause an accident.



Rules for Pedestrians 

Use the sidewalk. If a usable sidewalk isn't available, walk in the street, facing traffic.

Cross at intersections or crosswalks. Cars expect to encounter pedestrians at marked crosswalks and intersections, so whenever possible try to cross at these locations.

Obey traffic signals. If a crossing is controlled by a WALK/DON'T WALK signal, only begin crossing the intersection while there is a WALK signal. If the signal changes to DON'T WALK while you are crossing, proceed to finish crossing.

Look before you step. Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street. Watch for turning vehicles; make sure the driver sees you and will stop for you.



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